

[Dr K D Jeswani]

cheques of exports refunds amounting to over Rs 100 crores. This has not only disturbed industrialists but may result in shut down of a few industries. These financial hurdles are definitely discouraging export-oriented industries and earnings of foreign exchange in a big way.

Nadiad-Baroda based industry, Hindustan Conductors Ltd of Gujarat alone has its dues worth Rs 530 crores.

I earnestly request the Central Government to issue necessary instructions in this regard.

(vii) Need to take Steps for Early Completion of Kayamkulam Thermal Power Station in Kerala

SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE (Alleppey) Sir, I would like to invite the attention of Government to the hurdles in the way of the proposed Kayamkulam Thermal Power Station in Kerala. The Thermal Project was proposed to be set up in Kerala considering the acute power shortage in the State. The Project was proposed to be set up by the NTPC with the economic and technical aid from the erstwhile Soviet Union. Initial work had started but due to the happenings in the Soviet Union it has come to a halt. The NTPC has withdrawn its staff from the site. Total uncertainty prevails over the Project and the Central Government has not taken any steps to remove that. The Central Government so far has also not given environmental clearance. I would request the Government to seek aid from any other foreign countries and get the project completed. Several crores of rupees have already been spent on the project and any delay in the completion would create more problems especially for the State of Kerala which is facing a grave power crisis.

I request the Central Government to look into the matter early.

(viii) Need to Grant Licences for Setting up New Sugar factories in Meerut region, U.P.

[Translation]

SHRI HARPAL PANWAR (Kairana) Mr Speaker, Sir, the condition of the sugarcane cultivators of U.P. has become miserable, as the intake of the sugar mills in the State is less than 30% of the total sugarcane production. The farmers are forced to sell the remaining 70% at throwaway prices, which doesn't fetch them even the production costs. In Meerut division of Western U.P., there are very few sugar mills, as a result of which the farmers in the region find themselves in dire straits. It is my humble request to the Union Government that it should sanction licences for the immediate establishment of at least 25 sugar mills in the Meerut Division. Otherwise sugarcane cultivators of U.P., especially of the Meerut division would be totally ruined.

13.05 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for lunch till

five Minutes past fourteen of the clock

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at eight minutes past Fourteen of the Clock

(MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair)

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—CONTD

[English]

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER The House will now take up further discussion on the President's Address moved by Shri P M Sayeed.